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**DURHAM MAN SENTENCED FOR DRUG SALES**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Durham Police Chief David Kurz and University of New Hampshire Police Chief Nick Halias announced today that on March 24, 2006, Joshua Meier, 21 of Durham, New Hampshire, was sentenced to six months in federal prison after pleading guilty to selling 50 ecstasy pills to an undercover police officer. The sales occurred in the vicinity of the University of New Hampshire campus. Meier was also sentenced to three years of supervised release, which will begin after he is released from prison. During the period of supervised release, Meier's behavior will be subjected to the supervision of the United States Probation Office. One of the conditions of supervised release is that the individual undergo regular testing for the use of drugs.

On December 19, 2005, Meier pleaded guilty to selling 50 pills of 3,4 methylenedioxy-methamphetamine, also known as ecstasy, to an undercover officer on February 22, 2005. The material he was selling to the undercover agent was tested by the State Police Forensic Laboratory and found to be ecstasy, a controlled substance. Users of ecstasy will often experience a general feeling of euphoria and are usually unaware of the drug's dangerous, and sometimes lethal, effect on body temperature and hydration.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "This office will continue to work with federal, state, and local law enforcement in the war against illegal drugs. This case proves that the threat posed by the sale of dangerous illegal drugs is not just confined to our cities, but is found everywhere - even on our University campuses. We will work hard to investigate and prosecute drug dealers wherever we find them."

The case was investigated by the Durham Police Department and the University of New Hampshire Police. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Feith.